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To: BOCES District Superintendents
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Subject: Clarification of the Modernization of Health Education Curriculum Law

This memorandum provides information on the new requirements for school districts regarding the modernization of health education curriculum regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section 804 of the Education Law, as amended by Chapter 181 of the laws of 2000, was amended

In addition, there will be continued collaboration between the State agencies as they work together to develop a supplemental guide for drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention education in support of the “Guidance Document For Achieving the New York State Standards in Health Ed]